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REVEREND SIR,

*MORE than three years ago the Trustees of the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture caused to be Printed a Pamphlet, the object of which was to promote Agricultural Knowledge, and especially in those Branches, which they supposed would be particularly useful to the People of this Country. They also therein proposed Premiums, to encourage Experiments in Agriculture. A number of these Pamphlets they distributed to the Gentlemen of the Clergy, fully sensible that many of them were excellent practical Farmers, and most of them fond of applying their Philosophical Knowledge to useful purposes. Their intimate connection with the People of their respective Parishes and Societies, enable them, more than any other class of Citizens, to encourage and promote the views of the Society; and the Trustees were well-assured they possessed a disposition equally favorable to the same Views. Another Pamphlet has lately been published by the Trustees, in which are some original Communications made to the Society in consequence of their former Publication, some extracts from approved Authors, calculated to give Agricultural Information, and a list of Premiums, offered to the attention of the theoretical as well as the practical Farmer, is added. The attention which their former Pamphlet commanded from your Body, has been realized not only from many valuable speculative Communications, but also from practical Experiments, applied to the objects for which the premiums were offered; and in this line they have been so successful, that several of the Premiums have been deservedly adjudged to Clerical Gentlemen. The Trustees, again soliciting your attention to the same objects, forward you, herewith, their second publication, and request you will communicate the information contained therein, to your parishioners and others, in such way as shall appear to you best calculated to promote the Views of the Society.*

*We are Your very Humble Servants, JLowell President.*

Rec. Mar. 17. 1797. J. B.

Oliver Smith Cor. Sec.

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